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Hike Haliburton gets wintry

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A snowshoeing-based spinoff of the Hike Haliburton Festival to be called Hike Haliburton Festival: Winter Edition will send snowshoers out into the woods of the highlands next winter.

Members of the Haliburton County tourism advisory committee discussed the creation of the event during a Jan. 9 meeting.

"I'd really like to link it to the Hike Haliburton brand, just because I feel like it's already got so much brand value, people are familiar with it, it's in its 17th year, it'd be a very similar audience," county tourism director Amanda Virtanen told committee members.

While there has been some discussion of including "snowshoe" in the title of the event, "I'm kind of leaning toward a winter theme,

just in case we were to get not great, or horrible rain," Virtanen said, emphasizing that using a winter theme would provide more of a catch-all.

It was Virtanen's recommendation that the event take place Jan. 24 to 26, 2020, to coincide with the Ontario Cup, a sanctioned snowshoeing race that will take place at Abbey Gardens. The race is also taking place there this winter.

Virtanen said along with the race, the Ontario Cup includes other wintry activities.

"I think people will know, based on this year, they can come and bring their families and do other things, so that's why I think it makes sense," she said.

Like Hike Haliburton, its winter incarnation would consist of a number of guided hikes at various locations throughout the county.

The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships also typically take place in the county on weekends in late January and

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Lace up at the cultural centre

Chris MacDonald tests out the ice at the season opening of the Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Memorial Rink, which this year has been set up at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. See more photos on page 2. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Trillium funding to help haul ash

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A substantial grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will allow the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed to conduct a study on the use of wood ash to restore calcium levels in the region, a study that will have implications for Haliburton County.

"The ultimate goal is to protect the water," says freshwater biologist Dr. Norman Yan, who is the chairman of Friends of the Muskoka Watershed. As Yan explains, decades of acid rain, along with logging in the area, have resulted in calcium depletion in

soils and waterbodies. All living organisms require calcium, and when it comes to lakes and rivers, hard-shelled species such as crayfish and turtles can be particularly affected by low calcium levels.

According to Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, most lakes in Muskoka have lost somewhere between 25 and 50 per cent of the calcium they require.

"The growth of the forest is currently limited by calcium availability," Yan says.

Wood ash is about one third calcium by weight, and the goal of the Hauling Ash to Protect Our Forests' Future project is to use wood ash to rejuvenate calcium levels in forests and lakes.

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Project to expand to Haliburton County

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In December, Friends of the Muskoka Watershed learned it would receive a \$730,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a three-year study that will look at ways of collecting, storing and distributing wood ash – essentially how to create an ash recycling program.

The ash will come from non-industrial sources, such as residential wood-burning fireplaces, home boilers, etc., and the organization will be seeking 100 to 200 Muskoka residents to volunteer to donate their wood ash. The ash will be spread at three test sites – maple bushes in Muskoka – and recordings taken.

Spread on the ground, calcium from the ash will be absorbed by trees and plants, the rest making its way into waterbodies by runoff. It's estimated it will take four tonnes of ash per hectare to restore calcium balance.

The project, which was scheduled to get underway this week, will involve a number of graduate students and, as Yan told the

Times, the plan is to eventually expand it to include surrounding areas facing similar calcium depletion issues, "one of which is Haliburton County."

"The goal is to have a sustainable ash recycling program," he said, adding that would likely require partnership with local governments, who could set up ash collection bins at their landfill sites.

Representatives of the Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners' Associations have met with Yan to discuss the project, and will be keeping an eye on its progress.

"The goal is to make this much more than just a Muskoka project," CHA chairman Paul MacInnes told the paper. The idea is that eventually ash collection and distribution will start in Haliburton County as well.

"We reached an agreement that we would very much like to be involved," MacInnes said. "... It's just a win-win situation."

For more information about the project and the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, visit <https://friendsofthemuskokawatershed.org/>

MH launches contest to name common room

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills has launched the Made in Minden: Room for Improvement Contest to name the common room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Home to the Minden library before the current Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library was constructed, the common room is a multi-purpose space used for a variety of activities and events at the centre.

"We launched this contest to remind locals to be proud of their roots," township economic development, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse told the *Times*. "Minden is a community filled with stories and successes, and I thought this contest would be a way to share those stories

and learn from our past while we work towards our future together. We look forward to hearing stories and sharing them with the community."

The township is looking for the name of a person, place or story that played a key role in the development of Minden.

Entry forms can be found on the township's website at <https://mindenhills.ca/minden-hills-cultural-centre-home/>, emailed to estonehouse@mindenhills.ca, or dropped off in person at the cultural centre.

There is a limit of one entry per person, and the judging of submissions will be completed by a panel consisting of community members and township staff.

The contest deadline is March 8 and in April, the submitted stories and photos will be displayed in the common room, and a plaque with the chosen name revealed.



New location for outdoor rink

Chris MacDonald, left, and Scot Hamilton at the season opening of the Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Memorial Rink at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Jan. 12. The rink is named for Scot's son, who passed away in 2010. In previous years, the rink has been set up behind the arena. It is available for free skating or "pond" hockey. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



A crowd gathers for the season opening of the Dawson Hamilton Outdoor Memorial Rink, which this year has been set up at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.



There are pond hockey nets available for use at the outdoor rink at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Festival to feature guided, snowshoe hikes

from page 1

early February, and Virtanen said depending on scheduling, that could also offer an opportunity for co-promotion.

"I see your point about co-promoting, but I think there's more potential for conflict, personally," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen, adding she thought that might create too many events for one weekend in the winter. "I wonder if it isn't going to split things up too much."

"The other concern I have is the accommodation limits we have in the wintertime," said Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy.

If the suggested date was going to change, Virtanen stressed the event should still take place close to the Ontario Cup.

"I think it should be on the weekend before or the weekend after though," she said, "because I think we really should still tie it to the snowshoe race."

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... and they'll be free, guided hikes like they are with Hike Haliburton.

— AMANDA VIRTANEN

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Virtanen said the tourism department would also like to start promoting the event as soon as possible.

It was ultimately decided that further options on dates would come back to the county council table later this month.

A report from Virtanen included a number of options for festival names, including Hike Haliburton Festival: Winter Edition, Hike Haliburton Festival: Snow Edition, and Hike Haliburton Festival: Fun on Snow.

"I see how you want to make the correlation and tie the two together, but it just seems maybe confusing," said Danielsen. "When I first read it I thought, Hike Haliburton, this is not Hike Haliburton, this is something different. I thought that it might be confusing."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said she shared that concern.

"I like Haliburton Highlands Snowshoe Festival," said Moffatt. "I can see, absolutely, the leverage with the existing event."

"And they are actual hikes," Virtanen said. "... it's actual organized hikes, and they'll be free, guided hikes like they are with Hike Haliburton."

The committee eventually settled on Hike Haliburton Festival: Winter Edition.

The committee is also recommending to Haliburton County council that local tourism company Yours Outdoors, which is the longtime co-ordinator of the Hike Haliburton Festival, be hired to do pre-planning for the winter at a cost of \$3,500. Contracts of less than \$10,000 do not have to go out for tender, according to the municipality's purchasing policy.



100 Women donate to Red Wolves

The Haliburton County Red Wolves were the recipients of \$6,200 raised during a meeting of 100 Women Who Care at their November meeting. From left, Barbara Piercey, Red Wolves volunteer; Tina Palmer, 100 Women Who Care executive; Dawn Piercey, Red Wolves athlete; Joan Featherstone, 100 Women executive; Yvette Brauer, Red Wolves volunteer; and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, 100 Women executive. /Photo submitted

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Council Meeting
Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Budget Deliberations
Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Public Meeting Proposed Fee Change
Jan 31 - 11:00 AM, Special Meeting of Council

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of January, July, August and December.

RIVERWALK & WETLANDS BOARDWALK – WINTER USAGE

The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED FEE CHANGE

Please take notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting regarding a proposed change to amending By-law 16-07 of By-law 15-02 to establish rates and fees for the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Program on January 24, 2019 commencing at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street.

The proposed fee change will apply to "Schedule B" Camping Rates and Fees for the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails to increase certain fees related to camping and rentals.

For more information please contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Take notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday January 31, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Minden Hills Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider the following:

- Validation Report Presentation - McDonald Brothers Construction, Parkin Architects and Director of Community Services;
- CSD Report 19-05 CCDC 30 Agreement as amended by SGC's for Renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Project; and
- CSD Report 19-06 Expenditures to date for Validation Phase

Agenda items will be available on Monday, January 28, 2019 for public view by accessing <https://haliburton.civicweb.net/filepro/documents>.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre Project or Agreement please contact:

Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services mcoleman@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2019.

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NOTICE – 2019 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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SNOW REMOVAL AND WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Bylaw staff would like to remind residents that restrictions on snow removal and street parking are in effect during these months. To avoid your vehicle being towed, please do not leave vehicles or trailers parked or standing on a public roadway, cul-de-sac or dead end road.

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Flu vaccine your first line of defence

by JENN WATT
Editor

Like wearing a seatbelt when you drive, getting the flu vaccine is your best line of defence against the virus, says Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease prevention and control with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"The virus changes every year. Getting this year's shot gives you the best protection," said Rock in response to emailed questions last week.

If the vaccine is a good match to the flu strain, it can prevent more than half of the cases of flu in adults and children. This year's trivalent vaccine protects against two influenza A strains, Rock said, H1N1 and H3N2 and a B strain, Victoria. The quadrivalent vaccine also protects against a B strain called Yamagata.

"So far, this season influenza A is the most common influenza virus circulating in Canada, and the majority of these viruses are the H1N1 strain, which means that if a person got their flu shot then they would be protected from getting sick with the H1N1 strain," she said. "It's still too early in the flu season to be 100 per cent sure that the vaccine is a good match for the other circulating strains."

Symptoms of the flu include fever, chills, cough, runny eyes, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, weakness and tiredness, lack of appetite, and sometimes diarrhea or vomiting, although the Ontario government website on the flu says the latter two are more often associated with children. It takes between one and four days for symptoms to appear after being exposed.

Otherwise healthy people recover in between seven to 10 days.

So, if you are an otherwise healthy person, why get the shot?

"Even very healthy people can get sick and quite ill with the flu and spread it to others," Rock said.

And not everyone you pass it to might be able to fight it off as easily as you do. The Ontario government says complications from the flu can lead to pneumonia or heart attacks and the flu accounts for some 12,200 hospitalizations and 3,500 deaths in Canada annually.

Groups at higher risk of complications and hospitalization include babies under six months old; children under five; people over 65; pregnant women; and those with underlying

health conditions such as asthma, heart disease or diabetes.

Rock recommends adopting other best practices.

"In addition to getting your flu shot, the health unit also recommends you: wash your hands thoroughly and often; sneeze and cough into your sleeves; stay home from work and school if sick; and keep your body's immune system strong by eating well, getting enough sleep, and being physically active on a regular basis," she said.

Anyone older than five can go to a pharmacy to get a flu shot. It's free, but you need to bring your health card.

"The influenza vaccine, like any medicine, can cause side effects, which in most cases are mild, lasting only a few days," Rock said. "Life-threatening allergic (anaphylactic) reactions are very rare."

For families with children younger than five, the health unit can offer free flu shots. To book an appointment, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Pharmacists Offering Flu Shots in Haliburton County

The following pharmacies in Haliburton County have been approved to provide flu shots for the 2018/2019 influenza season.

Pharmacists can provide flu vaccine to individuals five years of age and older. Please check with the pharmacy as to vaccine availability and for specific information:

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- Shoppers Drug Mart, 186 Highland St., Haliburton Village, (705) 457-5020
- Loblaw Pharmacy (Independent Grocers), 5121 County Road 21, Haliburton Village, (705) 455-9779
- Haliburton Highland Pharmacy, 211 Highland St., Haliburton Village, (705) 457-9669
- Rexall, 224 Highland St., Haliburton Village, (705) 457-1112

Minden

- Minden Pharmasave, 110 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, (705) 286-1220
- Highland Remedy's Rx Pharmacy, 33 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, (705) 286-1563.

Wilberforce

- Wilberforce Pharmacy, 2165 Loop Rd., Wilberforce, (705) 448-1222

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Scammers promise \$12.5 million and a new car

The OPP is warning people of a new scam phone call in which the caller says you've won \$12.5 million and a new car.

The caller then tells the potential victim that the money and car are at the border and all you need to do is pay the taxes due: \$3,500. A false customers officer name and call back number is then provided. The scammer proposes a credit card, money order or other method of payment.

"You should never provide any personal information like credit card numbers or banking information to anyone you have not contacted for services. If you did not enter a contest for the above prizes this also should be a clue that something is wrong. Legitimate business will not accept gift cards or iTunes cards as payment," police said in a press release.

Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 to find more information on scams or go online: www.anti-fraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm.

Two charged following RIDE checks

Haliburton Highlands OPP ran their usual Festive RIDE program between Nov. 23 and Jan. 2, checking 218 vehicles. The program is designed to detect impaired drivers and remove them from roadways.

The police issued one warn range licence suspension and charged two people with Criminal Code driving offences related alcohol consumption.

Updated distracted driving laws in effect

As of Jan. 1, penalties for driving with a handheld wireless communication device, such as a cellphone, have increased for drivers in Ontario.

The new penalty: fines up to \$1,000; three demerit points for first offence; three-day licence suspension; penalties rise for subsequent convictions.

Novice drivers will receive the same fines, but will receive longer suspensions rather than demerit points. Details can be found at ontario.ca/distracted-driving.

Distracted driving doesn't just involve a phone. It includes anything that takes a driver's attention away from the vehicle including taking your eyes off the road, taking your hands off the wheel, and taking your mind off what you're doing.

You could be charged with careless driving if you cause a collision or exhibit very poor driving directly related to being inattentive, for example, eating while driving, reading a map while driving, etc.

The fines and demerit points for careless driving are unchanged.



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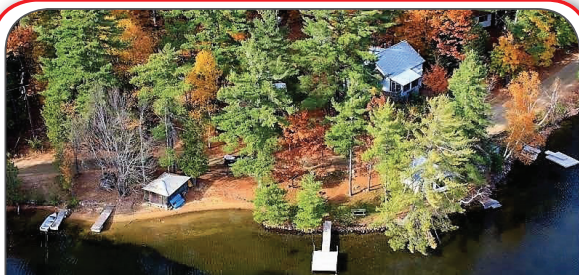
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Total bong show

THE LEGALIZATION of marijuana in Ontario has been a bong show ... er, gong show, ever since the process began, and that continues to be the case.

Last week, the provincial government announced that communities with populations of less than 50,000 would not be eligible to apply to the lottery to win licences to allow for the operation of private marijuana retailers within their borders. That announcement, just the latest installment in a series of piecemeal policy surrounding the sale of legalized pot, came just weeks after municipal councils in Haliburton County spent time discussing, and uniformly opting in to, allowing private marijuana retailers to set up shop in the community.

The province had given all municipal councils a deadline of Jan. 22 to opt out, thereby prohibiting marijuana stores. Any municipalities that opted out would be given the option of opting in at a later date, but opting in meant no opting out later.

Now it seems, at least for the time being, the conversations had by municipal councils in the county in December were more or less moot, since, at least for now, small communities will not be permitted to have any marijuana retail outlets at all.

Of course, the chances of anyone in the municipalities of the county winning a retail licence were slim to begin with since, it was announced in December, that in the spring just 25 licences for the entire province would be made available, apparently due to a lack

of supply of product. For the whole province. By comparison, including standalone LCBOs, agency stores, grocery stores, etc., there are more than 2,300 liquor retail locations in the province. Ostensibly, curbing the black market sale of marijuana was one of the goals of legalized marijuana, and, in Ontario, at least, it seems like that will not even begin to start any time soon.

Yes, part of the reason for the kerfuffle was the change in the government that happened following the provincial election last spring. While the Wynne government was planning a retail framework that involved provincially controlled standalone stores similar to the LCBO, the Ford government's model has left the operation of physical marijuana retail outlets to the private

sector, while the province sells pot online.

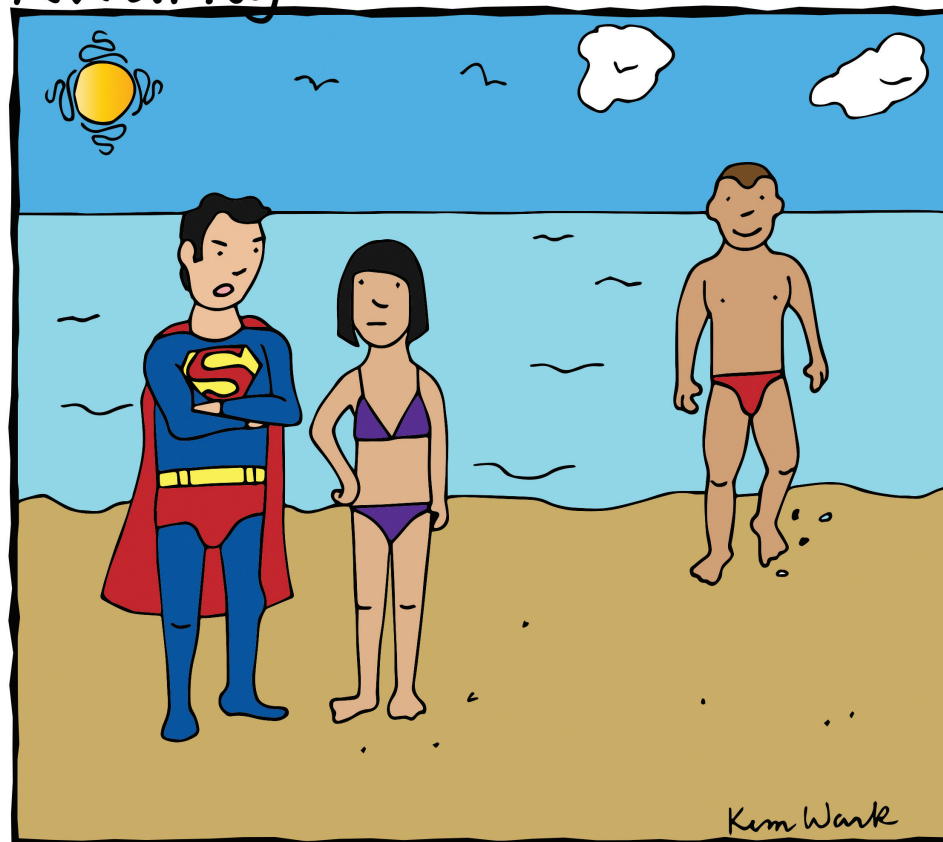
But the rollout of the plan, which seems to be made up as it goes along, has been full of plot twists that keep municipal councils struggling to keep up, and has surely caused a lot of confusion and disappointment for any Ontarians who hoped to be some of the first aboard the legal marijuana retail bandwagon.

Part of the responsibility for the mess also lies with the federal government, which of course was the level of government that actually made pot legal. However, it just sort of haphazardly passed the joint to provincial governments, assigning them the complicated task of creating and overseeing distribution frameworks.

In Ontario, that is a framework that could not even be considered half-baked.

**CHAD INGRAM**
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"There is a difference and I won't wear one."

Backpacking gone wrong

THE OTHER DAY while perusing a website that sold backpacks and backpacking gear, I noticed that things had changed substantially since I was a kid. In the old days, the basic premise of backpacking was to carry 90 or so pounds of outdoors gear – and that was just for an overnigher.

These days the weight of gear is measured in milligrams. Apparently, modern day backpackers actually try to minimize the load they carry by purchasing stoves, tents and gear designed to be easily carried by a muscular hummingbird.

Worse still, the real extremists will do things like cut half the handle off of a toothbrush to reduce the weight in their pack even more. If this trend continues, I suspect hardcore hikers will have every second tooth removed in order to minimize the floss they need to take along.

All this is fine if you want to miss out on one of the greatest experiences in all of the outdoors. I am, of course, speaking about watching your backpacking partner flail on the ground, pack side down, like an overturned turtle. In my day, this was a common occurrence because the packs we tried to hoist on our shoulders were too heavy to stand with.

Sadly, you don't see much of that on YouTube these days.

Years ago, however, this happened frequently because we would place essential things like boat anchors in our packs. We did not do this for frivolous reasons though. We did it just in case we found a boat while backpacking.

You see, the point of carrying a back-

pack in those days was so you had every outdoors gadget with you so you were ready for any eventuality. This included two hatchets, several knives, a machete, 15 cans of beans, a package of hotdog wieners, a smushed up package of buns, enough condiments to last a year, a two burner Coleman stove, three canisters of fuel, a rubber dinghy, paddles and not a single can opener or means of ignition.

We also carried tents that were heavier than most bungalows. They were primarily constructed of wet canvas and required more poles than a hydro crew after a hurricane. Sometimes they had the tent we lost on a previous trip accidentally packed inside them. A small one would sleep a family of 17.

The point is, a group of backpackers in my day would carry enough provisions to make a trek to the North Pole and back – provided they figured out a way to open the

cans.

Luckily, there was never any real danger of that because the packs I grew up with were purely implements of torture. The straps cut into your shoulders. The metal frame grated on your bones. The colours were gaudy.

These design flaws were intentional to prevent the keeners in the sport from getting lost too far from the road. Also, it encouraged hikers to abandon packs on the trail, which was good for sales the following year.

In stark contrast, modern backpackers have developed the spork, which is half spoon and half fork. The result is a lightweight tool that does neither thing well.

All I can say is what a load.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Living with wolves

I'VE SEEN THEIR TRACKS and heard their howls but haven't met any wolves on my back 40 this winter. Not that I really expect to because it is rare to get even a glimpse of one.

I did get a glimpse last year. I was walking a trail when I saw it briefly on a low ridge ahead of me. It disappeared immediately and when I walked up to where it had been, tracks in the snow told me a story.

The tracks ended in skid marks. The wolf had been chasing a rabbit, was totally focused on grabbing dinner and didn't scent or see me as quickly as it might have in other circumstances. When it did, it came to a skidding halt and bolted in the opposite direction.

Perhaps that is how Spitfire, a famous Yellowstone National Park wolf, met her demise last November. She was shot by a trophy hunter just outside the Yellowstone no hunting zone. She was either distracted or unaware that she had left her safe zone and it cost her life.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Spitfire was a seven-year-old alpha female gray wolf revered by biologists and wildlife enthusiasts. She was the daughter of 06, another famous Yellowstone wolf shot by a trophy hunter back in 2012.

The killing of Spitfire was legal because she was outside a protected area. Legal but not logical, because trophy hunting is neither logical nor defensible.

Trophy hunting is not the honourable hunting that many of us enjoy. It is killing for ego. Killing for bragging rights. Killing to stuff and display an animal's body, or to hang its skin or other parts on a wall.

Trophy hunting is a huge business. American trophy hunters pay big bucks to kill animals overseas. They import more than 126,000 wildlife trophies a year on average.

The United States Humane Society says that 1.26 million wildlife trophies were imported to the U.S. between 2005 and 2014.

Canadians also are fond of wildlife trophies killed abroad. Between 2007 and 2016 Canadians imported 2,647 mammal parts as hunting trophies, including pieces of 83 elephants, 256 lions, 134 zebras, 76 hippos and 19 rhinoceroses. Pieces such as feet, ears, tusks, skulls and horns.

Those figures come from the database operated by the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species, which tracks animals on endangered lists and requires permits for these animals or parts of them to cross international borders.

That database also shows that another 280 mammals were imported intact after having been stuffed, including antelope, oryx, monkeys and lions.

Those numbers do not include animals brought back as trophies that are not considered endangered, and not requiring any kind of special permit.

Meanwhile, the killing of Spitfire last fall has renewed calls for a no-hunt buffer zone around some national parks. The idea is to protect wildlife such as wolves and grizzly bears that live in the parks but sometimes wander beyond their boundaries.

Wolves have been exterminated in many parts of the world, notably Europe and the United States, where wolf populations had been eliminated everywhere except Alaska and northern Minnesota. Canada and Russia are countries where populations continue to be relatively stable.

Efforts to restore gray wolf populations in the U.S. have been quite successful. They are protected in many states by the Endangered Species Act yet occupy only five per cent of their historic range. But now the Trump administration has signalled that it will end federal protections for all wolves in the U.S.

I understand and support the concerns of ranchers and farmers who must protect their livestock from wolves. I also understand the critical importance of wolves as necessary to the balance of nature.

I also believe we humans can learn to be better beings by studying the traits of wolf society. Wolves are social animals who despite their wildness demonstrate trust, team play, respect for family, kindness and compassion.

These are the same good traits that many people see in their family dogs. Human society would be much better if it demonstrated more of those traits.

Wolves are an important part of our natural world and should not be gunned down by trophy hunters.

Neither should any other animal.

letters to the editor

Consider how our money is spent

To the Editor,

I feel compelled to speak against the proposed Minden Hills Arena renovation, not because I don't recognize the importance of recreational facilities in our village, but because of the value for cost the plan represents.

In a nutshell, here are what I think are damn-near numbers (all from Census 2016).

The arena component costs about \$8 million, two-thirds of the proposed price. What proportion of the population uses the arena? Let's say all school-age boys and girls (age four to 19) do: That's 660 kids. Let's say 100 adults use the arena – adult hockey, public skating. That's 760 people, 12.5 per cent of the permanent population. For 66 per cent of the cost of the proposed renovation. For \$8 million.

Seasonal ratepayers will also pay for this renovation and are very unlikely to use it. There are 3,259 private dwellings in Minden Hills that are not occupied by usual residents. Let's say each dwelling represents four seasonal residents which equals 13,036 people, which, added to the 6,090 permanent residents, gives a population of 19,126. The 760 people who are likely to use the arena represent four per cent of the population who will bear the cost.

So \$8 million is being spent for use by four per cent of the population. That does not seem

to me to be an equitable or fair or wise use of resources.

I know that hockey is the Canadian sacred cow, even though it is a gendered sport and has become extremely elitist. Nor should competitive figure skating, an alternatively gendered and also elite sport, be used to shore up hockey's "right" to public resources. The closest location where hockey and figure skating could take place, if you disregard the natural ice that surrounds us eight months or so of the year, is 25 kilometres away from Minden village. The closest pool where children can swim, a not-so-elite sport, is 100 kilometres away. We expect parents to schlepp their children to Bracebridge for swimming lessons because building a pool doesn't make economic sense. Why, aside from sacred-cowism, does the same logic not apply to parents of skaters?

One can live well without skating; most of us do. We can't live well without appropriate housing, but many of us do. Our economy cannot thrive without transportation available to all as needed, which isn't currently present.

Please urge your municipal councillors to consider carefully how and why they prioritize in the upcoming decisions on the arena renovation.

Fay Martin
Minden Hills

Fix the roads first

To the Editor,

All of my life I have lived in Minden and don't remember ever seeing our roads in such disrepair, they are disgraceful. Potholes so deep they can damage a vehicle badly.

The powers that be claim we need a new arena, which I have no argument with, but after

millions are spent on this, where does the money come from to fix the highways that take us to our new community centre?

Maybe it is time to rethink some of these plans!

Janice Carr
Minden

Bald eagles on Twelve Mile

To the Editor,

On Thursday, Jan. 3, my wife Susan and I spotted a pair of bald eagles on Twelve Mile Lake just north of the public beach. They appeared to be searching for fish in the open water. They returned the following day and perched

on the top of the towering white pines on our property. Thanks to protective steps that environmentalists have taken, we believe that this is very exciting.

Brian and Susan Ellis
Minden Hills





Fur fans descend on Minden

This shopper at the Minden District Fur Harvesters' annual winter workshop was dressed for the frigid temperatures on Jan. 13. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Rhys Brown shows off the fly-fishing lures he tied himself during the annual Minden District Fur Harvesters' winter workshop at the Minden Hills Community Centre.



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Attendees check out some furs during the fur harvesters' workshop.



Austin Ireland works on a beaver pelt during the annual Minden District Fur Harvesters' winter workshop. The event brings trappers, hunters and vendors together for a day of fun.

Kawartha mayor chair of EOWC

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, at its annual inaugural meeting held last week in Kingston, elected Mayor Andy Letham as the 2019 chair and warden, Jennifer Murphy as the 2019 vice-chair.

Andy Letham is mayor of the City of Kawartha Lakes, and Jennifer Murphy is warden of the County of Renfrew and mayor of the Township of Bonnechere Valley. The role of the EOWC chair and vice-chair, elected on an annual basis, is to provide the main point of focus and contact for the caucus and ensure that the key priorities move forward.

"I am honoured to chair the EOWC in 2019 and advocate on behalf of the 103 municipalities and the 750,000 property taxpayers across rural Eastern Ontario," said Letham. "The coming year will be a critical one, with a federal election on the horizon and the first full year of the Progressive Conservative provincial government."

"For both those reasons, the EOWC has decided to stay the course its advocacy efforts over the past few years, and intends to send a loud and clear message to its federal and provincial partners – that there is only one priority for the 2019, which is to improve and enhance the cellular and mobile broadband network across Eastern Ontario," said Murphy.

The EOWC will continue to work with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network on

its \$213-million business case to the provincial and federal governments, and the private sector, which would close the cellular network gaps and boost mobile broadband service across the region, and increase public safety for residents.

"This is a decisive time for Eastern Ontario, and our message is simple – this is the single most important project for the region, and it needs to happen this year," said Letham.

Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen said, "The EOWC, EORN and partners have worked on this project tirelessly for several years and support has been heard from both the Province and federal government. Now is the time to take the final step and invest in a project that will ensure the economic growth and prosperity of Eastern Ontario, as well as the health of safety of all of our residents."

In addition to the cellular network improvement project, the EOWC also plans to address a few other issues with the Province of Ontario in the early months of the year: the importance of maintaining the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, particularly for rural and northern municipalities; acknowledging certain legislative changes made in 2018; and working with the government on reducing red tape and regulatory burdens.

- Submitted



Jennifer Murphy was elected vice-chair and Andy Letham was elected chair for this year's term of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. /Photo submitted



Nail trims for charity

The Minden Animal Hospital recently offered nail trims for charity, raising money for the Minden Food Bank for the toy drive. The animal hospital raised \$450, plus a \$15 gift card and five toys. From left, Dr. Jennifer Morrow, Marilynne Lesperance, Liana Stevens, Dr. Kate Hill, Cassidy Garbutt and Katie Duarte. Absent from the photo: Morgan Fisher, Emily Thackeray and Laurie Johnson. /Submitted

County will wait for pot shops

by JENN WATT
Editor

Municipal councillors have been in contact with MPP Laurie Scott regarding retail cannabis licences, Haliburton County's warden said.

Although the county and each of the four lower-tier municipalities opted in to allowing pot shops within their borders, the first round of licences were not awarded to any retailer serving a population of less than 50,000.

"Discussions have been held and will continue with our MPP Laurie Scott to try to ensure that we aren't left out of the next round of licences being issued. I'm confident that there will be ample opportunities over time for businesses who want to invest in a retail outlet or grow opportunity in Haliburton County in the future," Warden Liz Danielsen said via email.

Councils became aware of the rule at their

first formal meetings in 2019, Danielsen said.

Despite the disappointment some in the community feel about a longer wait before new shops can be established, Danielsen said there is still much for municipal councillors to consider.

"We need to ensure we have sufficient policies in place (e.g. where people will be allowed to smoke their product freely over and above existing regulations set by Smoke Free Ontario) and be able to educate our public about what they can expect and also, what they will have to accept, like the smell of a neighbour smoking cannabis or the fact that there may be large cannabis plants planted in their neighbour's garden. It is our hope that people will accept the change gracefully and not inundate our bylaw officers with frivolous complaints," she said.

Those wishing to purchase marijuana products can still do so online through the Ontario Cannabis Store.

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Pond hockey players ready to hit the ice

Organizers are busy finalizing arrangements in anticipation of 700 players, from as far away as New York, Pennsylvania and Quebec, descending on the 14 acre pond at Pinestone Resort the weekends of Jan. 25 and 26, and Feb. 1 and 2 for the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

Participants range in ages from 19 to 70 plus and will play a combined 300 games of “pond” in what has become not only the preeminent grassroots hockey experience but also one of the largest events of its kind in the world.

What is sure to be a fan favourite is the new men’s and women’s “Pondimonium” divisions where teams are more concerned about how they look than the score. In fact, one of the event highlights is the creativity teams put into their uniforms. John Teljeur, event owner and general manager of Pinestone, says, “It’s Stanley Cup meets Halloween. We’ve had teams dressed as nuns, snowmen, penguins and pylons. It’s really entertaining the lengths they go to have fun at the event both on and off the ice. A lot of teams have been at the event for over 10 years and every year they do something different.”

This year, the action on the ice will be matched by the fun off it. Each night, the event features live bands including Rude E Bones, Arden and the Tourists, Little Bones (a tribute to the Hip) and Acrobat – a band that appeared with U2 in 2015 when they were in Toronto. For the first time, the event officially opens its doors to the general public to join in the fun. A limited number of tickets are available for each show at a cost of \$20 per show. Concert tickets are available at Pinestone Resort or online at www.canadapondhockey.ca.

Players and spectators alike will enjoy the “Fire on Ice” patio overlooking the rinks, serving beverages as well as the new tasty slow cooked smokehouse barbecue menu at Pinestone. The patio will also have custom built, raised wood burning fire pits to keep everyone toasty.

A variety of awesome Haliburton experiences will be up for grabs in silent auction area in support of Heat Bank Haliburton County – an organization that supplies emergency heat for area residents that run out each winter.

The event is powered by over 100 community volunteers. One of the busiest groups is the Baffin Ice Crew that not only

builds but also maintains and cleans the 18 rinks throughout the two weekend event. In total, they will move nearly five million cubic feet of snow weighing some 38,000 tons.

Thanks to Amazing Agency, Haliboo TV will once again be on the air offering live streaming of the event, inside and out.

A special thanks to the sponsors that make the event pos-

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Submitted by the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships



Gliding into winter

A pair of girls make the best of the afternoon light, playing hockey at the public outdoor rink, Stanhope Gardens, located at 1095 North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands on Sunday, Jan. 6. There has been plenty of opportunity for winter recreation in the Highlands this year. Check the various municipal websites and social media posts for what is possible./DARREN LUM Staff

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Rock pigeons have been officially reported and recorded in the Haliburton County area since 2010, but have likely been in the area longer. These birds are making themselves quite comfortable on the roof of the Grill on the Gull in Minden. / DARREN LUM Staff

Pigeons have long history in Haliburton County

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The pigeons roosting on the roof of the Grill on the Gull on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden have become a familiar sight for many walking or driving down the main street of the village.

Pigeons have been reported in the Haliburton and Minden area since at least 2010, when 40 were spotted in Minden, then reported to and recorded on the eBird website in February that year, according to Mark Peck, manager of the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity at the Royal Ontario Museum.

“They are pretty tough birds and regularly winter as far north as Cochrane and Timmins in Ontario,” said Peck. “My guess is [the pigeons being seen in Minden and Haliburton] have a reliable food source or someone is feeding them.

They are not really choosy with their food: bread, bird seed and anything else grain-related works.”

Rock pigeon, the kind of bird hanging out in downtown Minden and spotted around the streets of Haliburton, is the common name for the domestic pigeon which were introduced from Europe according to Peck, though some readers might remember when they were called rock doves. In the winter, they are often found in groups of 10 to several hundred birds. In the summer, they nest on or near manmade structures, although they were originally cliffnesters, Peck told the *Times*.

“They are pretty much restricted to urban and rural areas and are rarely found away from human settlement,” he said. “They tend to favour certain perches, train trestles, bridges, certain hydro lines and certain buildings, especially farms. They will often stay in the area for years providing there is a good enough food source.”

Jean Neville remembers a time when it wasn’t so common to see feral pigeons in the area.

“There were never wild pigeons around when I was growing up here,” she said. “In Toronto, there were always wild pigeons. My dad always said they were lost out of racers, because they’re mainly homers if you look at them.”

Neville’s dad, Alfred Bertram Warder, was a pigeon fancier, and was so keen on the bird, he wrote the breed standard (a set of guidelines that defines an animal breed’s perfect observable qualities) for the English Trumpeter pigeon.

“That was his favourite kind of pigeon, and he was so into pigeon fancying that he could judge pigeons against their standard,” she said. “I think he was asked to [write it], because he knew that breed very well.”

The English Trumpeter is a type of fancy pigeon.

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Pigeons were welcome members of the farm

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“They have really big muffs on their feet, of feathers,” she said. “They have a little crest on top of their nose, and a crest on their heads. They called them English Trumpeters because the way they coo made people think of a trumpet.”

When she was a child in the 1950s and 1960s, Neville remembers the crates her dad would use to ship the birds to Toronto to participate in the Royal Winter Fair and Canadian National Exhibition poultry showings – they were stamped with his name, A.B. Warder & Sons, which she said she used to complain about as “daughter” wasn’t mentioned. The train would pick the crates up in Haliburton, or would stop in Lochlin for them, and Neville and her dad and brother would join them in Toronto, where she and her brother would play at the midway while her dad showed the birds.

“It’s funny because before the CNE or the Royal Fair, some of the ones that had specific perfect markings on them, we’d have to pluck out certain feathers that weren’t supposed to be – if they had a dark bit on them where the white was supposed to be,” she laughed, remembering. “There with tweezers, my brother and Dad and I pulling them, before we shipped them.”

Neville said the pigeons were referred to as “poor people’s race horses,” given their affordability compared to a larger animal.

“It was quite a hobby back in those days, and they paid for themselves, [Dad] always said they paid for themselves, because he sold them, and also there were proceeds from the fair and the CNE,” said Neville. “He had quite a few birds.”

Because Neville grew up with fancy pigeons in her life, she ended up learning quite a bit about the birds. Pigeons mate for life, and they usually only lay two eggs at a time,

with a gestation period of about 17 days.

“I always thought female pigeons were very smart because they sit on the nest at night,” she said. “The cockbird sits on the eggs in the daytime so the hen can fly around, do whatever she wants.”

Pigeons regurgitate milk, using stones to grind the grain in the gizzard, which both the male and females use to feed their young. Neville lists some birds of note: the runt, which is quite a large pigeon, almost the size of a chicken; the king, which are quite large as well; the Lahore, characterized by a white front and a black back; the Modina, which comes from Italy and some birds that provided entertainment as part of their domestic duties.

“There’s also a kind they used to have in the gentry, the kings and queens, they were called parlour tumblers,” she said. “They’re quite a boring looking bird, but they can fly up until they’re about a year old, and then they lose the ability to fly. You put them on the floor and they tumble in a straight line across the floor. People used to use them for entertainment, in their parlour. They judged them according to how straight they could tumble on the floor. Then there’s rollers, that people get confused with parlour tumblers. Rollers can fly, but they fly really, really high and then they fly long and then they roll in the air.”

A few wild pigeons do visit Neville’s family’s farm on County Road 1, which she suspects are possibly the ancestors of birds released into the wild from local pigeon handlers. She still keeps a few English Trumpeters today.

“I just have them because we always had pigeons and I enjoyed my English Trumpeters because my dad always had them,” said Neville, quite the pigeon fancier herself.

Matt Wesley, a local farmer, has roots that go back about 150 years in Carnarvon, where his grandmother was born at home on a farm.

Around 1900 to 1940, Wesley said pigeons were one of the usual barnyard fowl kept in the county.

“On our farm, and I assume on most farms, pigeons being fairly upwardly mobile were mostly left to their own devices,” he said. “They would flap around the barnyard and greater farm area to forage, as well as clean up any spilt grain in the granary or around outside feeding areas with the other barnyard fowl. They also had the ability to forage a greater area than any other creature kept, as they can obviously fly further afield than a chicken, duck or turkey. During the summer months, they were mostly left to their own devices, and did very well indeed. In the winter, they were fed whatever was fed to other poultry, with most or all grain being grown on the farm, depending on the year.”

Wesley’s grandmother, a Cowan, grew up during the Depression.

“At the time, though no one had any money, which I don’t think would be a surprise, but I know that on our farm, no one was ever hungry,” he said. “Pigeons played no small role in this as pigeon can, and regularly do have as many as

four or five broods a year. The weather would really have been the only limiting factor to the prolificness of these birds in the area.” Pigeons were easy to keep and matured quickly, offering meat that could be served in a variety of ways. “The wings and drumsticks left something to be desired, but the breast of a squab has a good chunk of meat on it,” said Wesley. “Pigeon pie was a staple on our farm, as you could stretch it out with veggies and crust. I would warrant that the effort required to pluck out a whole bird is why I was never told any stories about pigeon soup or stew in an attempt to get more out of the animal, but I am sure that whatever meat was left was never wasted, going either to the cats or the dogs ...”

Wesley said housing pigeons was simple, with wooden crates nailed to the walls of the gables of the barn.

“When it was time to get a squab or two for dinner, one of my uncles would be sent out after dark when the pigeons were roosting,” he said. “Get a ladder, or climb the ladders so often built into the hay mow of old barns, stick your hand in and grab a bird. Tuck it in your shirt, grab another. Pretty easy.”

Being easy prey is in large part what caused the passenger pigeon to go extinct, with the last one of its kind, Martha, dying in the Cincinnati Zoo in 1914. Haliburton’s museum is home to a rare specimen of a stuffed passenger pigeon.

“The one we have at the museum came to us in 1985 as part of a collection of five cases of birds donated by Gordon Fraser of Stoney Lake,” said Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, who said she believed the birds had been on display at a local hunt camp. “The really interesting thing about the collection is that when it was donated to us, it was already a piece with a long history. The birds were preserved as part of the work of Peterborough taxidermist Edwin Elcome from the 1890s. He used the birds as examples of his work when talking to potential clients.”

The story of the passenger pigeon itself is mind boggling, according to Butler.

“It was once one of the most populous birds in North America and travelled in flocks so huge it was said that the sky would go dark when they flew overhead – perhaps hyperbole, perhaps not! They were discovered to be a great food source though and likely fairly docile, so they began to be hunted in huge numbers until there were only a scant number left and those birds seemed to not be inclined to breed in captivity.”

As for the pigeons spotted in the wild locally, Peck said they might just be Haliburton County residents now.

“They could belong to someone if you have a pigeon fancier in the area, but my guess is these are wild birds that have decided to call Minden and Haliburton home,” said Peck. “Good choice, too. We just bought a cottage near Harcourt and love the area.”

For more information about pigeon – or other bird – sightings in the area, visit eBird.org/canada/home.

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SUBWAY

Hawks tame the Bulldogs, 47-24

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

A slow start didn't hurt the Hawks in their bid to stay among the best of Kawartha.

The junior basketball team returned from the holidays with the expected lethargy of post-holiday hangover (the over eating of rich foods kind) when they hosted the Brock Bulldogs.

At the end of the first quarter, the Hawks held a narrow 7-6 lead.

Like any strong contender, the Hawks found their gear and pulled ahead of the visitors in the second half, scoring 27 points and allowing 16 points (some of which scored when the game was out of reach) to win the game handily, beating the Bulldogs 47-24.

Hawks head coach Paul Longo anticipated the slow start for his team.

"It was predictably kind of ugly at the start, but we had moments of nice stuff going on there. We played good D most of the game. We need to keep working on our rebounding and the third quarter offensively we started to hit our stride and our press worked really well," he said.

Longo pointed out a win against a single A school is always welcomed since it has play-off implications.

He adds the transition from a three-quarter press to a half-court press seemed to work in the Hawks' favour by the second half. Longo points out the entire team from the starters to the second and third unit groups applied the press after each bucket they scored.

"Guys are buying in. They know what they need to do. It didn't matter who was on the

floor," he said.

The win gives the Hawks a three game winning streak and places them third in the Kawartha West division as of Friday, Jan. 11. The Hawks are 4-2, two points behind second place I.E. Weldon and four points behind first place Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute Spartans, who they will host on Tuesday, Jan. 15. Tip-off is at 3 p.m. With the loss, the Bulldogs have lost six consecutive games and drop to 1-6 in the Kawartha West division. The Bulldogs are a distant fifth place in the Kawartha West division and tied with Campbellford for the 16 spot (as of Friday, Jan. 11) in all of Kawartha.

Longo acknowledged the disparity between the two teams. However he doesn't take anything for granted.

"It was a [12] point game at the half and you know what? Anything can happen. We had to buckle down in the third quarter and make a statement we're a team that should be winning these kinds of games," he said.

The team was scheduled to play I.E. Weldon earlier in the week for their first game after the holidays, but a school bus cancellation for the region postponed the game and will be rescheduled.

Defence continues to be a strength for the Hawks this season.

Through six games the team has only given up 171 points. The only teams to allow less are Kawartha South's top three teams of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School with 128, Cobourg with 152, and Norwood with 162, who have all played five games, one less than the Hawks.

Another quality for this team is its depth.

Longo appreciated his bench players for



The Red Hawks junior basketball team returned from the winter holidays with a win, defeating the Brock Bulldogs 47-24 during Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Thursday, Jan. 10 in Haliburton. The Hawks have won three straight. /DARREN LUM Staff

what they did offensively and cleaning up the glass.

Hawks player Carson Phillips not only pitched in with four points, but also impressed on the defensive end, Longo said. The coach also liked Tyler Martin, who he called a "beast on the floor."

Small forward Bronson McCord, who is in Grade 9, had a "nice little defensive play at

the end and then he almost made that bucket so it's nice to see our young guys starting to feel confident when they get on the floor."

These contributions don't surprise the long-time basketball coach.

"We're 12 deep ... We've got some guys that are plugging away and learning. On any given day anybody can be on that floor and contribute," he said.

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MINORHOCKEY

Midget Jets

The Bancroft IDA/Park View Dental Midget Girls Jets won both of their home games this past weekend.

On Saturday, the Jets hosted the Cold Creek Comets and took the win with a final score of 1-0. Gabbey Burnett made a pass to Jules Croskery at the offensive blue line and Croskery skated in and ripped a shot, bar down, into the opponents net.

On Sunday, the team faced the Lindsay Lynx and again won 1-0 over their rivals. Haley Goulet scored the only goal of the game. She took a pass from defensive teammate, Ryan Rupnow, and took the puck into the corner, around the net, and stepped out to score a wrap around goal on her backhand.

The team hits the road for two away games this weekend to wrap up their regular season against West Northumberland and the Peterborough Ice Kats. Good luck, girls!

By Linda Goulet

Peewee LL

Walker Home Hardware Storm Peewee LL team #1 had a home game in Minden on Saturday against Huntsville. Huntsville came out strong scoring two in the first period. Huntsville scored again at six-minute mark in the second period. Haliburton's Storm wasn't about to give up with one minute left in the second period Nathan Harrison scored putting Storm on the board assisted by Daniel Stephens. In the final period Huntsville scored again but Storm retaliated with an unassisted goal by Stephens and another by Alex Hendry

assisted by Harrison. Huntsville got one more before the third was over making final score 5-3 for Huntsville. Storms Peewee LL #1 plays LL Peewee #2 team Saturday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m. in Haliburton.

By Marita Bagshaw

Midget LL

The LL Pharmasave Storm Midgets played the Parry Sound Shamrocks last weekend.

Play was very balanced in the scoreless first period although Storm goalie Nate Miscio made a nice pad save early in the game. The Storm opened the scoring in the second period on a beautiful passing play with brothers Paul and Tim Turner and Brenden Newhook finishing it off with a goal. The Shamrocks tied the game a few minutes later but Cole Prentice's high snapshot power play goal would put the Storm in front for good. Newhook setup Paul Turner who scored on the breakaway giving the Storm a two-goal cushion. Miscio made arguably his best save of the season just moments before Parry Sound closed the gap to one. Paul Turner got his second of the night burying his own rebound and then fed Newhook for a lovely tip-in giving the Storm a solid 5-2 victory.

By Gord Hoenow

Atom 2 LL

With an anticipated wait after the Christmas break the LL Atom 2 TD Canada Trust where hosted in Bracebridge by Parry Sound Marshall Black Carpentry.

With the battle to start Parry Sound were able to find the back of our net to start off the scoring. But with the battling of Carson Jones along the boards, he was able to chip the puck out to Ethan Rowe with a nice pass right in front of the net for Logan Reid's one-timer to the back of the net.

With the TD's never giving up, Kamauhl Cassey Russel found his stride and took the puck from deep in our end and was able to pass the puck right in front of the net for Logan Reid to chip in his second goal.

During the third period, with a battle at the red line, Logan Reid was able to break away from the pack and find the back of the net for his third hat-trick of the season.

But Parry Sound were able to come back and make a final score of 8-3. Next game is against Almaguin Ice Devils hosted in Haliburton.

By Chris McMartin

Atom 1 LL

After a long holiday break the GJ Burtch LL Atom1 team were back on the ice. On Saturday they travelled to the Bracebridge arena to face Parry Sound's McNabb Homebuilding LL Atoms. The Storm would test their endurance as they took to the ice with only eight skaters. Eric Mueller put the Storm on the board midway through the first when he broke away from the Parry Sound defence. Mueller accelerated, crossing the blue line pulling away from the defenders then with a quick fake was able to beat the goalie and buried the puck top corner. The second period saw numerous chances for the Storm but the puck was not bouncing their way on the Bracebridge ice.

The Storm continued their hard work into the third. An excellent example of clean passing in the offensive zone led to Oliva Gruppe's first goal of the season, assisted by Isaac Borgdorff and Layne Robinson. Although the Storm were down five goals and facing a short bench, they continued to dig deep and battle hard. Jacob Mantle dangled his way up the ice and put one in the net, unassisted. Despite their efforts, the Storm would drop this one 9-3. Next weekend the Storm travel to Gravenhurst to face South Muskoka.

By Jamie Lloyd

Peewee A

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A travelled to Parry Sound to play in the MPS tournament. The Peewee A first game was versus the Huntsville Otters. Unfortunately the Storm lost 7-4. The goals were scored by Aiden Perrott, Cooper Coles, Austin Boylan and Cheyenne Degeer.

The second game was versus the Bracebridge Bears and they lost 4-0. The Peewees will be starting their first playoff series next weekend where they take on the Durham Crusaders.

By Amber Card

Midgets

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets lost their first game of the playoffs, 5-4 against the Shelburne Wolves, Saturday, Jan. 12. It was a tough game for the Storm team, the slow start resulted in being down by two early in the game. They got on the scoreboard later in first period, with two goals in less than a minute. MacNaull fed Smith and he manoeuvred in, made a quick top corner shot for the first goal. Seconds later, the Wolves' goalie left an open net for Smith to tie the game. Early in the second period, the Wolves got a break and scored a short-handed goal, making it a 3-2 game. Gilbert answered back, with enormous effort, picked up his own rebound to find the opening, tying it up, 3-3. The Wolves got lucky on a breakaway and

took the lead, 4-3. Late in the second period, the Wolves widen the gap to 5-3. The Storm team stepped up in the third period. Gilbert got another goal, with help from MacNaull and Smith. The Midgets made a great attempt to tie the game however, returned home with a 5-4 loss.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Novice

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice Reps travelled to Sundridge this weekend to play in the Muskoka Parry Sound Novice Playoff Tournament. The team started strong winning their first game 5-1 against Muskoka Rock. The team could not find their stride in games 2 and 3 and took two losses, 3-1 and 5-2, against the Huntsville Otters and South Muskoka Bears. Better luck to the Novices next weekend in their double header playoff games against the Wasaga Beach Stars.

By Sarah Gruppe

Tyke

Tom Prentice and Sons and Walkers Heating and Cooling's Storm Tyke team travelled to Baysville on Sunday to take on the Huntsville Otters. Matthew Mueller started Storm's goal scoring in the first period followed by Nixon Ecclestone firing one into Huntsville's net. Kelson Bagshaw scored the third goal and Ecclestone scored another beauty! Huntsville retaliated with two goals. Rowan Johnson scored the last goal of the first period. Huntsville came on strong scoring seven goals in the second and final period. The Storm, however, didn't let up and Cooper Gilbert score a well set up goal. Ecclestone dangled his way to three more goals and Johnson scored the final goal for Storm. The Tyke Storm team will be practising hard the next couple of weeks gearing up for their second Jamboree in Peterborough the first weekend in February.

By Marita Bagshaw

Peewee Jets

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers pee-wee girls Jets took on the Lindsay Lynx on Saturday in Haliburton. Twelve seconds into the first period brought a goal from Lara Gallant, assisted by Autumn Winder. Just a few minutes later Gallant scores a second goal, which was also assisted by Winder. The next goal came from Emma Pitts and was assisted by Hope Trotter. The next goal came from Riley Brownlee, assisted by Maya Woods and Lily Manning, ending the first period with a 4-0 lead over Lindsay.

Second period started with a nice goal from Manning from a breakaway, bringing the score to 5-0 Jets at the end of the second period.

Third period started with two goals from Sydney Fergusson, and a third goal from Gallant, assisted by Woods and Winder.

With 35 seconds left in the third the final goal for the Jets was scored by Winder, assisted by Maryn McMann and Gallant, bringing the final score to 9-2 for the Jets.

The Leveque Bros/Rock Breakers Peewee girls Jets travelled to North Frontenac on Sunday to take on Napanee Crunch.

It was close game with with no goals scored until 3:39 left in the second, when Rane Osborne scored a goal which was assisted by Manning and Woods, bringing the score to 1-0 for the Jets. A second goal by Gallant, assisted by Winder and Woods brought the final score to 2-0 for the Jets.

The girls travel to Lakefield on Saturday, Jan. 19 to take on the Ennismore Eagles at 4 p.m.

By Jenn Jessup

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Cost: Free
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Presented by Haliburton Writers and Editors' Network
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Where: Minden library, Rotary Room, 12:30 to 2 p.m.
Call K. 705-28-6635 or kathleenmillard6@Sympatico.ca to register.
For more information: www.haliburtonwriters.ca

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Curling session wraps up

The Minden Curling Club Wednesday Daytime Ladies League finished their Session 1 schedule before the holidays. The results were as follows:
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2. **File No. PLSRA2018042:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10181, registered November 26, 2018.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration, and if deemed advisable for passing, at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at the hour of 9:00 AM. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this January 10, 2019
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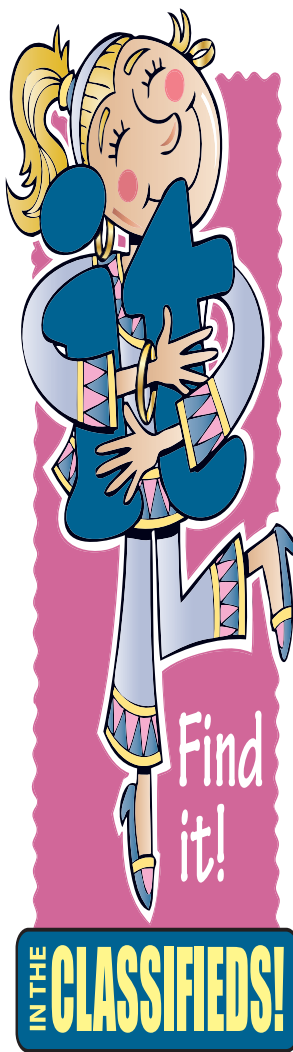
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To Dr. Conway, the emergency doctors, staff and ambulance drivers of HHHS, thank you all for your dedication and compassion for the caring of our father.

To all those who have supported us with delicious food, flowers and cards, visits, calls and donations made in honour of "Carl".

Thank you all who attended the Visitation and Memorial Service and to those who put on the lovely luncheon at the Maple Lake Church, you will always be remembered during this most difficult time.

Thank you very much for the heart felt tribute Tom (Bucket Mouth) Stoate. Your words of love and humor was very touching.

Thank you Barry, Kristen and staff at Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their sensitivity, warmth and guidance at this very sad time. With Sincere thanks to all, the late Carl and Sharon Harrison have been reunited **"Together Forever"**.

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of


Darryl Michael Crowe

Passed away surrounded by family at Haliburton Hospital after a courageous battle with Cancer on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Beloved husband, soul mate and best friend to Gail. Proud Dad of Sterling (Jazzer), Alyssa (Navid), and Grandpa to Arianna and his grandpuppies Dexter and Petrie. Son of Don and Opal Crowe (predeceased), brother to Steve (Sharon), Terry (Heather), Rob (Sue), and Craig (Stephanie). Son in law to Murray Ackley (June, predeceased), brother in law to Ron (Marlene), Carleen (Jeff), Cindy (Randy), and Corey. Special big brother to Tracey Pratt (Duane). Much loved uncle to many nieces and nephews

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Darryl's Life at 2:00pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family.



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INGALL, M. L. Sandra "Sandy"

1941-2019



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Her happy place was Gull Lake, cocktail hour, lunch with the ladies, shopping or simply hanging out on the deck and reading with the chipmunks. She was always up for an adventure, and traveled with many friends and family. Her ferocious appetite for life (not necessarily food) made her a force to be reckoned with, she fought hard but didn't let her COPD slow her down. We lost her suddenly on January 9, 2019 but gracefully at 77 years old. She will be greatly missed by Michelle & Neal, Jonathan & Siobhan, her grandchildren Madeline & Jackson and by countless others.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 18th from 2 - 4 & 6 - 9 p.m. at Turner & Porter Butler Chapel, 4933 Dundas St. W. (near Burnhamthorpe Rd). Help us celebrate her life with a Service being held at St. Olave's Anglican Church, 360 Windermere Ave. on Saturday, January 19th at 2:00 p.m. with reception to follow. Memorial donations may be made in her honour to Sleeping Children Around the World. On-line condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca

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Photos, clockwise from top right:

* Richard Bazinet takes the turn on to Bobcaygeon Road on the way to the finish line.

* These two pooped out pooches take a rest in their kennel.

* The lone Junior racer, Jaclyn Rice, takes to the trail.

* These spectators had a lot to look at over the weekend.

* The lead dogs on this four dog team can't wait to test the trail, despite the chilly morning.

* The Kid and Mutt race is always a popular event of the weekend. Here a racer picks up her third place prize for her efforts.

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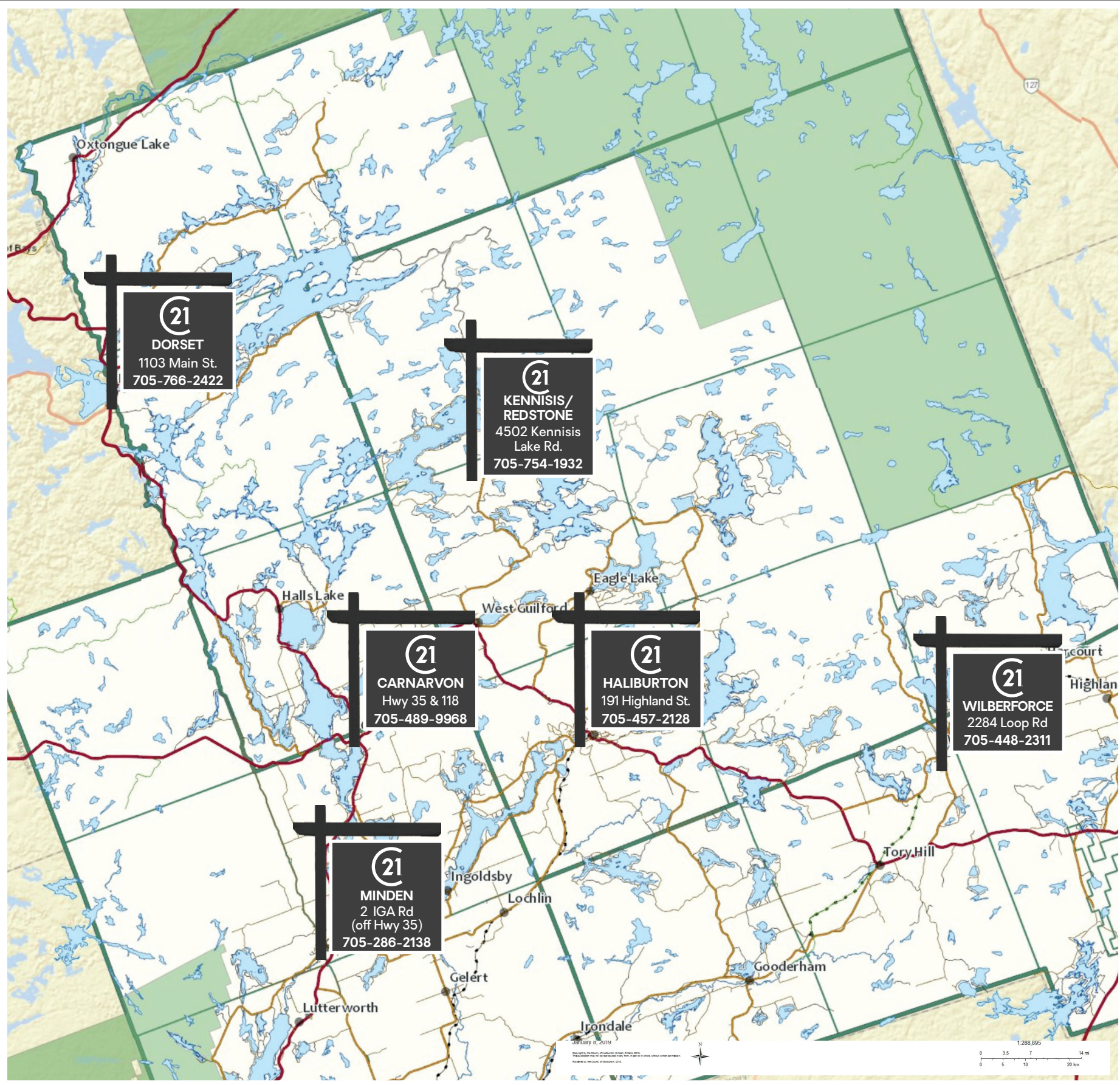


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